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$913,200 in Sport and Recreation Grants Awarded

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Glenn Hart today announced $913,200 in grants to be awarded to Yukon sport and recreation groups for 2008/09.

"Funding sport and recreation organizations is vital to their ability to support the efforts of the thousands of volunteers engaged in the delivery of sport, recreation and active living programs throughout Yukon," Hart said. "The efforts of these volunteers and the resources they are able to access are the key ingredients that provide opportunities for all Yukoners to enjoy physically active lifestyles."

Twenty-five Yukon sport governing bodies will receive $515,200, and seven Yukon special recreation groups will receive $190,000. Another $78,000 is allocated to the High Performance Athlete and Officials Program and Sport Yukon will receive $130,000.

"All groups receiving funding provide programs and services that enhance the quality of life for Yukoners," said Geoff Scherer, Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee chair. "We are pleased to make these resources available to support the excellent work being done by these and other dedicated volunteers in the sport and recreation system in the Yukon."

Hart said: "We continue to see evidence of the benefits of investing in sport and recreation and the impact it has on the long-term health and growth of Yukon people and communities, and how it helps make Yukon a better place to live."

The Yukon Recreation Advisory Committee (YRAC) funding represents the first phase of funding available for 2008/09. Additional funding will be granted over the next few weeks through the Yukon Sport For Life funding initiative.

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Funding for the annual grants is made possible by a revenue sharing agreement between Yukon Lottery Commission and Government of Yukon.

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A complete list of grants is below.

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2008/09 YRAC FUNDING

YUKON SPORT GOVERNING BODIES

Alpine Skiing	20,000
Athletics Yukon	2,300
Yukon Badminton Association	4,500
Basketball Yukon	30,000
Biathlon Yukon	7,400
Cross Country Yukon	88,500
Yukon Curling Association	13,500
Yukon Cycling Association	6,950
Freestyle Skiing	5,000
Yukon Golf Association	4,000
Yukon Gymnastics Association	26,500
Yukon Amateur Hockey Association	67,500
Judo Yukon	9,000
Yukon Orienteering Association	5,000
Yukon Shooting Federation	3,500
Snowboard Yukon Association	3,000
Yukon Soccer Association	88,500
Softball Yukon	19,000
Yukon Speed Skating Association	12,500
Squash Yukon	15,350
Swim Yukon	39,500
Synchro Yukon Association	4,000
Table Tennis	5,200
Tennis Yukon Association	4,500
Volleyball Yukon	30,000
Total sport bodies	$ 515,200

YUKON SPECIAL RECREATION GROUPS

Yukon Aboriginal Sport Circle $	19,000
ElderActive Recreation Association	10,000
Girl Guides – Yukon Council	14,000
Recreation & Parks Association of the Yukon	60,000
Skookum Jim Friendship Centre	60,000
Yukon Scout Council	9,000
Yukon Special Olympics	18,000
Total recreation groups	$ 190,000